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SUBJ: SUGGESTED CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY LDC'S IN NEW YORK

REFS: A) STATE 191767; B) STATE 194506

1. SUMMARY. INITIAL BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH IRANIAN AND PAKISTANI AMBASSADORS PRODUCED LITTLE NEW INFORMATION. BUT THEY AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REITERATE OUR HOPES THAT THINGS CAN BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL AT THE LIMA CONFERENCE AND THAT CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS CAN BE MADE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. BOTH AMBASSADORS RECOGNIZE THAT SURPRISES ARE POSSIBLE BUT BELIEVE THAT THE DOMINANT VIEW IN THE 77 AND THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP FAVORS MODERATION AND AN ATTEMPT TO FIND COMMON GROUND WITH THE U.S. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REFTEL A SUGGESTION, MYERSON AND KITCHEN HAVE BEGUN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH SELECTED LDC REPRESENTATIVES. ON AUGUST 18, WE MET SUCCESSIVELY
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WITH IRANIAN AMBASSADOR HOVEYDA AND PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR

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AKHUND.

3. WE REITERATED THE US HOPE FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING A CONFRONTATIONAL POSTURE AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AT LIMA. WE ALSO DREW ON THE GUIDANCE IN REFTEL B IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS.

4. HOVEYDA SAID THAT, WITH SO MANY COUNTRIES INVOLVED, PREDICTIONS ARE DIFFICULT. HE NEVERTHELESS BELIEVED THAT THE 77 AND THE NON-ALIGNED WANT TO AVOID CONFRONTATION EVEN THOUGH A FEW COUNTRIES--CUBA FOR EXAMPLE--CAN BE COUNTED ON TO MAKE STRONG STATEMENTS. HE BELIEVES THE 77 RECOGNIZE THAT THEY CANNOT FORCE AGREEMENT WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; THAT BOTH SIDES MUST AGREE TO DISAGREE ON MANY ISSUES; AND THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO EMPHASIZE PRACTICAL PROGRESS WHERE COMMON GROUND EXISTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HOVEYDA BELIEVED THE 77 WOULD TRY TO AVOID REOPENING THE OLD ARGUMENTS ON NIEO AND CERDS.

5. FOR THE "REASONABLE" LDC'S TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN MOVING ALONG THE FOREGOING LINES, HOWEVER, HOVEYDA EMPHASIZED THERE WOULD HAVE TO BEHOPE OF REAL PROGRESS AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. FOR THIS REASON, HE WAS GLAD TO LEARN THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER PLANS TO PUT THE U.S. IDEAS ON THE TABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION.

6. WITH AKHUND WE COVERED MUCH OF THE SAME GROUND. LIKE HOVEYDA HE BELIEVED THAT THE PRESENT CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE COULD BE MAINTAINED BUT ALSO ENTERED A CAVEAT ABOUT WHAT SOME COUNTRIES MIGHT DO AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. AKHUND PERSONALLY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO GET DOWN TO WORK NOW ON FORMAT AND PROCEDURES FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION. WE NOTED, PURSUANT TO REFTEL B THAT THE US WANTS TO BE FLEXIBLE ON FORMAT; HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE UK "THREE-TIER" APPROACH; AND IS ALSO EXAMINING AKHUND'S OWN SUGGESTION FOR THREE ATTAINABLE ENDS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AS OUTLINED IN HIS CLOSING STATEMENT TO LAST MONTH'S ECOSOC
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SESSION.

7. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO INFO POSTS AS APPROPRIATE.
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